

### **REMARKS**

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed May 5, 2005. Through this response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 12, 13, and 24, and have cancelled claims 11 and 23 and incorporated the subject matter of the cancelled claims into independent claims 1 and 13, respectively. Claim 25 has been re-paginated to place in better form for publication, but has not been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims 1-10, 12-22, and 24-28 are respectfully requested.

#### **I. Allowed and Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 25-28 are allowed and that claims 11-12, 23-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Through this response, Applicants have cancelled claims 11 and 23 and have incorporated the subject matter of the cancelled claims into independent claims 1 and 13, respectively.

In that it is believed that every rejection has been overcome, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims that remains in the case is presently in condition for allowance.

#### **II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

##### **A. Statement of the Rejection**

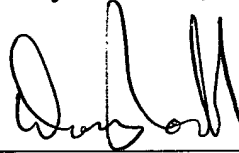
Claims 1-7, 9, 10, and 13-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by *Havens, et al.* ("Havens," U.S. Pat. No. 6,313,680B1). Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly obvious over *Havens*. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. However, in the interest of expediting

allowance of all claims, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 13 to incorporate the features of claims 11 and 23, which were deemed allowable in the last Office Action if incorporated into the respective base claim. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to claims 1-10 and 13-22 be withdrawn. Further, in light of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-10, 12-22, and 24-28 are in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submits that Applicants' pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. Any other statements in the Office Action that are not explicitly addressed herein are not intended to be admitted. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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